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PCT International Application No.	PCT/EP99/06081)
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For:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE CONCATENATION OF AUDIOSEGMENTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT COARTICULATION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

BOX: PCT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating the National Stage filing fee, cancel claims 1-68 and insert the following new claims:

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(new) A method for the co-articulation-specific concatenation of audio segments, in order to generate synthesised acoustical data which reproduces a sequence of concatenated sounds/ phones, comprising the following steps:

- selecting at least two audio segments which contain bands, each of which reproducing a portion of a sound/phone or a portion of a sound/phone sequence,
- establishing a band to be used of an earlier audio segment;
- establishing a band to be used of a later audio segment, which begins with the later audio segment and ends with the co-articulation band of the later audio segment which follows the initially used solo articulation band;